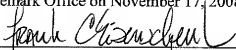


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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended two months through and including November 20, 2008, the fees for which have been paid at the time this Amendment was filed.

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: